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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 SUNTRUST BANKS, INC.,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 SEAKEEPER 70, LLC; JAMES A.
12 BIANCO; and SUE A. MASTEN,

Defendants.

C19-1481 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

13 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable
14 Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

15 (1) Plaintiff's motion for leave to serve by mail and for an extension of time to
16 effect service, docket no. 9, is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part, as follows:

17 (a) The deadline for plaintiff to effect service is EXTENDED until
18 March 31, 2020; and

19 (b) Plaintiff's motion is otherwise DENIED. Plaintiff has recited facts
20 indicating that serving defendants James A. Bianco and Sue A. Masten proved
21 difficult in the prior, related state court action, but the fact remains that plaintiff
22 was eventually able to effect service. After Bianco and Masten answered the
23 complaint in the King County Superior Court case, plaintiff chose, for unknown
reasons, to voluntarily dismiss the state court matter. Having now refiled the
lawsuit here, in a different forum, plaintiff must make a stronger showing of its
inability to effect personal service before the Court will permit plaintiff to employ
an alternative method (and then seek entry of default). Plaintiff has not described
any efforts made to serve Bianco or Masten outside their respective secured
residential buildings or at their respective places of business. Instead, plaintiff has

1 provided information indicating that the address at which it has attempted to serve
2 Masten is no longer valid. See Decl. of Non-Service, Ex. 2 to Hurst Decl. (docket
no. 9-1).

3 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of
4 record.

5 Dated this 31st day of January, 2020.

6 William M. McCool
Clerk

7 s/Karen Dews
8 Deputy Clerk